

Attorney Docket No.: 70436RCE

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : KARLINGER  
Serial No. : 10/051,605  
Confirm. No. : 1127  
Filed : January 16, 2002  
For : CLAMPING ELEMENT...  
Art Unit : 3677  
Examiner : RODRIGUEZ, Ruth C.  
Dated : January 27, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

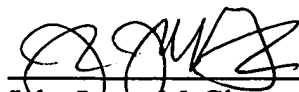
The Final Office Action dated September 9, 2003 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired December 9, 2003.

Since the attached response is being filed within the second month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Examiner is respectfully requested to charge attorney's deposit account the appropriate petition fee of \$420.00 (fee code 1252).

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant(s),

By:

  
John James McGlew

Reg. No.: 31,903

For: MCGLEW AND TUTTLE, P.C.

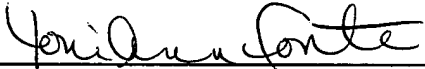
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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO  
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING  
DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS EXPRESS  
MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR  
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